



# COMMUNITY COMPASS

## *Charting the Course of Community Development*

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## NEW MoCAPP MANUAL AVAILABLE

The Division of Community Development is pleased to be able to announce that the Missouri Community Assessment and Planning Process (MoCAPP) guidebook has been revised and is available for distribution. The revision of the MoCAPP became a necessity after the Division's Regional Offices were closed due to budget reductions over the past few years. The new guidebook has been designed to allow communities the ability to work through the assessment and planning process at their own pace. The guidebook review team has made a great effort to make the MoCAPP self-guided and workable regardless of the size of the community.

MoCAPP is designed to provide communities with a comprehensive planning process that will support both the current and future needs of its citizens. Over the years MoCAPP has assisted many Missouri communities in their efforts to develop direction and attain success. By utilizing MoCAPP, communities can engage local volunteers in the assessment process to identify opportunities, establish goals, and build a broad base of support for the attainment of those goals. Citizen participation in the MoCAPP is

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## MISSOURI AMERICORPS MEMBERS ASSIST HURRICANE VICTIMS

Several Missouri AmeriCorps members were deployed to provide disaster relief services related to Hurricane Ivan along the Gulf Coast. Relief efforts are also still underway in the aftermath of Hurricanes Charley and Frances, which ravaged parts of Florida and the Gulf Coast over the past several weeks.

Ten members from the **AmeriCorps St. Louis Emergency Response Team** were deployed the week of September 12 to Tallahassee. The team consists of Patrick Cassin, Sean Harrington, Ron Frerker, Serena Fuller, Anne Dressler, Jennifer Boudreau, Bridget Boudreau, Margaret Hennings, Amanda Stephens, Ian Becherer-Gerrie, as well as Bruce Bailey, executive director of AmeriCorps St. Louis Partners. They served a three-week assignment setting up a volunteer coordination center and helping with donation management.

Prior to deployment, the AmeriCorps St. Louis Emergency Response Team was trained by the State Emergency Management Association (SEMA) in volunteer coordination and donation management.

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## STATE GRANTS WILL FUND SEVERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PROJECTS

The Missouri Department of Economic Development awarded more than \$730,000 in grants to assist both urban and rural communities in housing, economic development, and human services activities.

The Community Development Corporation (CDC) Grant Program is designed to fund projects that encourage community organizations to work together to strategically redevelop economically depressed areas. A CDC is a community-based organization governed by a local board that uses its resources to attract capital, develop or rehabilitate low-income housing, and increase business development and job opportunities for its residents.

“Working together to help economically disadvantaged communities become more productive and self sufficient is important in today’s highly competitive world,” said Kelvin Simmons, DED director. “Through the CDC Program, the Department can provide resources that help improve access to housing, enhance job skills and career opportunities, and promote economic development opportunities in the communities that need it the most.”

The CDC grant categories include commercial development or redevelopment, business incubators, micro-loan programs, new housing construction, housing rehabilitation, down payment assistance, job training and placement, and credit counseling and budgeting services.

The following community-based organizations received FY2005 CDC grants:

- Bowling Green - North East Community Action received a \$75,000 grant to assist approximately 23 low-to-moderate income families rehabilitate their homes.
- Columbia - Central Missouri Counties Human Development received a \$75,000 grant to offset costs to build four new houses in Fulton, which will be available for purchase by qualified low-to-moderate income, first-time home buyers.
- Kansas City - The Metro Community and Economic Development Corporation received a \$75,000 grant to help fund a project that aims to inform residents of the Ivanhoe neighborhood (along 31st and 39th Streets, Woodland Ave. and Benton Blvd.) about the value of home renovations.

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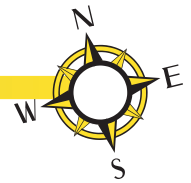
## MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE MISSOURI COMMUNITY BETTERMENT’S 41<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE!

The Missouri Community Betterment Educational Fund, Inc. will sponsor the 41<sup>st</sup> annual Missouri Community Betterment conference on October 24-25. The conference will take place at the Holiday Inn Select in Columbia. It is open to individuals and organizations interested in ideas and programs to foster local community betterment.

The conference will feature sessions on downtown development, community assessment, tips for marketing communities, census trends for Missouri communities, youth involvement in community development, and community safety. Special presentations will be made by Quin Snyder, head basketball coach at the University of Missouri; Whitney Weeks, Miss Missouri 2004; and Irv Jenson, principal in the marketing firm Smart Solutions.

This year, 44 Missouri communities and neighborhoods are participating in the MCB program. The work of these local citizens and organizations will be recognized during an awards ceremony at the conference.

For additional conference information and a registration form, check the MCB website at [www.mocommunitybetterment.com](http://www.mocommunitybetterment.com), or contact Madeline Matson at [mmatson@socket.net](mailto:mmatson@socket.net) or 573-291-9711. Registration deadline is October 15.



## 2004-2005 AMERICORPS STATE GRANT AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The Missouri Community Service Commission recently announced the approval of its 2004-2005 AmeriCorps State Formula and Planning Grants, which will support 13 programs and 134 AmeriCorps members across the state.

The AmeriCorps State Competitive, AmeriCorps State Formula and Planning grants provide federal funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service for living allowances and program administration to program recipients. Programs for the 2004-2005 year will bring more than \$2.6 million in federal grant money into Missouri. More importantly, AmeriCorps members affiliated with these programs are slated to serve over 354,000 hours directed at solving local challenges in the areas of education, public safety, human needs, and the environment.

"It is vitally fundamental that we continue to provide opportunities for our citizens to serve and to promote volunteerism throughout our state," said Linda Jackson, executive director of the Missouri Community Service Commission. "Funding provided by the Corporation for National and Community Service to the Missouri Community Service Commission helps to make this possible."

Programs that will receive funding through the 2004-2005 AmeriCorps State Formula Grant are:



American Red Cross, St. Louis	\$62,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Boone County	\$61,985
Butler County Community Resource Council	\$77,500
Fulton 58 Public Schools	\$92,478
Missouri Girls Town Foundation (Kingdom City)	\$62,000
Missouri River Communities Network (Columbia)	\$136,460
Nixa Learning Coaches	\$170,743
Partnership for Children (Kansas City)	\$199,998
Purdy R-II School District	\$143,829
Republic R-III School District	\$148,289
Seneca R-7 School District	\$74,393

Douglass Community Services, Inc (Hannibal) and St. Joseph Youth Alliance were approved for an AmeriCorps State Planning Grant, both in the amount of \$15,000. Planning grants are awarded to any 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, local or state agency, school district, or institution of higher education that will develop a plan to administer a 2005-2006 AmeriCorps State Formula project. Additional Planning Grant requirements include a 50% cash or in-kind match and development of a community volunteer center.

AmeriCorps provides trained, dedicated people to help nonprofits accomplish more and make more effective use of volunteers. Created in 1993, AmeriCorps is part of the Corporation for National and Community Service, which also directs Senior Corps and Learn and Serve America. Together these programs engage more than 2 million Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service across the United States each year.

### IS YOUR ADDRESS UP TO DATE?

The July Community Compass contained a return postcard for address verification and updating. If you have not already done so, please return the postage-paid card to Community Development. If you no longer have access to the postcard, you may send your updated address information to: Angela Bayne, Community Development Division, Department of Economic Development, PO Box 118, Jefferson City, MO 65102 or through e-mail to [angela.bayne@ded.mo.gov](mailto:angela.bayne@ded.mo.gov).

If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically, please email Community Development at [cd@ded.mo.gov](mailto:cd@ded.mo.gov) with your name and email address.



Sallie Hemenway

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

A big thanks to a valued partner:

A recent trip around the state holding forums to discuss the implementation of Senate Bill 1155 (JOBS NOW) had me calling once again on a long-time, valued partner of Community Development...our state's Regional Planning Commissions and Council's of Government.

These organizations, representing cities and counties across our state, often serve as the vital connection between our Division and the local governments, not for profits, and districts serving Missouri citizens. Organized by state statute, "RPCs" and COGs" serve their member communities by providing planning assistance designed to enhance opportunities for economic and community development.

The regional planner's knowledge of the tools offered in the Community Development Division and their ability to pass that knowledge on to their members is key. Just as valuable is their ability to recognize opportunities to incorporate CD tools in their regions when they see those opportunities from their vantage point.

Successful community development works with a number of vantage points covered. Local community developers are "where the rubber meets the road," but the view from the regional level and the view from the state level often can offer that different perspective finding "solutions," "paths through the maze," and the ability to "connect the dots." Our regional planning partners help to communicate the additional perspectives in order that we all work toward helping communities meet their intended goals.

A big "thanks" to the RPCs and COGs. We appreciate the long-term partnership and look forward to the future. We have a lot in common and it is founded in the desire to assist Missouri's communities meet their development needs.

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### HURRICANE (cont.)

Five AmeriCorps members, a part of the **St. Louis Area Chapter of the American Red Cross's Safety Education Corps**, were also deployed to provide mass care, which includes feeding and providing shelter for hurricane victims. Those members, who also served a three-week assignment, are Amelia Gander, Lauren Graham, Teresa Lynn, Melissa Nelson and Emily Rizzo and potentially AmeriCorps/Youth Service Director Deane Adam.

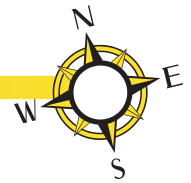
Prior to being deployed to Florida, the St. Louis-based AmeriCorps members participated in disaster service, mass care, shelter operations, and shelter simulations training courses to prepare them for their duties.

Several agencies are collaborating to provide disaster relief to meet the needs of the hurricane victims. The Red Cross has mobilized nearly 14,000 volunteer and disaster workers from across the country to assist in the hurricane relief efforts. Since Hurricane Charley hit in August, the Red Cross is housing more than 280,000 people in shelters across the southeast region and has served more than 4.6 million meals and snacks to residents affected by the disasters.

"Just as volunteers from across Missouri and the nation have come to the assistance of Missourians in the wake of natural disasters, Show-Me State volunteers are ready and willing to serve their fellow Americans in this time of need," said Linda Jackson, Executive Director of the Missouri Community Service Commission. "Missouri AmeriCorps volunteers always rise to the challenge and we are very proud of their continuous efforts to provide relief when others are in need."

AmeriCorps is a national service program that engages Americans of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds in community initiatives that address our most pressing civic needs. The Missouri Community Service Commission, within the Department of Economic Development, administers AmeriCorps programs in Missouri.





## NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS RECEIVE STATE AID

The Missouri Department of Economic Development has approved \$3,040,345 in Neighborhood Development grants through its Community Development Block Grant Program. The funds will create more viable neighborhoods in 15 Missouri communities by eliminating blight and improving housing conditions.

The program addresses two categories:

- **Targeted Areas:** To create self-sustainable neighborhoods in targeted areas, consisting of between 20 - 100 residential units with similar characteristics and needs.
- **Demolition:** To eliminate slum and blight conditions, improving health and safety issues by demolishing vacant, dilapidated residential or commercial property.

Additionally, a provision of the Neighborhood Development Grant program requires each city to provide home maintenance and financial counseling services to support individuals that benefit from the neighborhood development project.

Neighborhood Development grants were awarded to the following Missouri cities:

CITY	AMOUNT	PROJECT
Braymer	\$87,000	Housing Demolition
Cape Girardeau	\$500,000	Housing Rehabilitation
Callao	\$487,455	Housing Rehabilitation
Center	\$45,840	Housing Demolition
Eldon	\$377,200	Housing Rehabilitation
Higbee	\$85,660	Housing Demolition
Lewistown	\$75,600	Housing Demolition
Linneus	\$88,200	Housing Demolition
Memphis	\$411,750	Housing Rehabilitation
Mexico	\$70,000	Housing Demolition
New London	\$48,540	Housing Demolition
Princeton	\$76,600	Housing Demolition
Salisbury	\$80,500	Housing Demolition
Shelbina	\$108,300	Housing Demolition
West Plains	\$497,700	Housing Rehabilitation



## 2004 COMMISSION MEDIA AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The Missouri Community Service Commission recently announced the winners of the 2004 Commission Media Awards, recognizing excellence in coverage of service and volunteer issues.

Eight awardees were selected; three each in the areas of radio and news print, and two in television:

**Radio:** **KDMO/KMXL**, Carthage (nominated by Carthage R-IX School District, Joplin Memorial Hall, Children's Center of Southwest Missouri and Carthage Chamber of Commerce)

**KSMU**, Springfield (nominated by Community Foundation of the Ozarks)

**Clear Channel Radio**, St. Louis (nominated by The Salvation Army)

**Television:** **KTVO**, Kirksville-Ottumwa, Iowa (nominated by Adair County Meth Coalition)

**KQTV**, St. Joseph (nominated by Andrew County Retired & Senior Volunteer Program)

**News Print:** **The Fulton Sun** (nominated by Callaway Betterment Foundation)

**Springfield News-Leader** (nominated by University of Missouri-Rolla)

**The Kansas City Star** (nominated by Coda Jazz Fund Committee and Heart of America United Way)

The Commission annually accepts nominations from community-based organizations to recognize media that go above and beyond expectations to provide coverage of community service. There were 18 nominations for media outlets submitted to the Commission for the 2004 awards. A panel of judges, comprised of members from the Commission's Service Committee, judged the nominations based on donated "hands on" staff services; donated publicity "above and beyond expectations;" and originality in promotions.

Members of the Commission have already presented some awards to winning organizations and others will be delivered in October.



## DED OFFICIALS CROSS MISSOURI TO DISCUSS NEW INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS

Missouri Department of Economic Development officials hosted public meetings across Missouri in July, August, and September to share information about some of the newest programs now available to help Missouri communities address infrastructure needs, create jobs, and remain competitive in the global economy. The object of the meetings was to inform and educate the department's local partners about its newest economic and community development tool - the Jobs Now Act.

### JOBS NOW

The Jobs Now Act includes several economic development components. It creates funding opportunities for cities and counties to access grants or low or no-interest loans for public infrastructure projects. It calls

for enhanced Enterprise Zones that will provide qualifying communities with the opportunity to offer tax incentives as an incentive to attract new business and jobs. The Act allows use of \$15 million dollars to help retrain existing workers by advancing their skills to keep up with technology upgrades by their employer.

It also increases the annual cap from \$11 million to \$15 million for the BUILD program, which is designed to offer incentives to projects with over 100 new manufacturing jobs or 500 office jobs.

In addition to educating the public about the newest infrastructure-related programs, the department also used

the forums to gain valuable public input on how best to design, implement, and improve the application processes for the new Jobs Now program.

According to the Jobs Now legislation, communities seeking grants or loans through the new Jobs Now program must apply to the Missouri Development Finance Board and the Jobs Now Recommendation Committee, comprised of representatives of various state agencies.

DED officials also provided information about the programs and application processes for the Missouri Downtown and Rural Economic Stimulus Acts, which were signed into law in 2003 and funded by the General Assembly in 2004.

The Missouri Downtown Economic Stimulus Act (MODESA) provides public financing for qualifying community enhancement or job creation projects in the downtown areas of cities and towns across Missouri. The program allows cities to apply for a portion of the new state revenues to be generated by projects that gain approval to preserve and improve downtown infrastructure, thus helping our communities achieve sustained economic growth and attract knowledge-based workers and businesses.

The Missouri Rural Economic Stimulus Act (MORESA) provides public financing for qualifying renewable fuel production facility projects. MORESA is a partnership between the Missouri Agricultural and Small Business Development Authority, the Missouri Departments of Agriculture and Economic Development and the local sponsor.

## PIERCE CITY AWARDED ADDITIONAL DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS

Pierce City in Lawrence County has received additional state funds to help complete numerous recovery projects stemming from the tornadoes that swept through the area in the spring of 2003.

The Missouri Department of Economic Development has approved a \$252,300 grant through the Community Development Block Grant program for Pierce City. The funds will come from monies set aside for the CDBG disaster fund.

Governor Bob Holden presented the award to Pierce City Mayor Mark Peters in a ceremony on September 9 in Jefferson City.

"We are pleased to be helping Pierce City residents and officials continue the process of rebuilding after the

disastrous storms that hit their community last year," said Kelvin Simmons, DED director. "These funds will help fill in the gaps in a number of projects. We wish the community continued success as they move forward in the recovery process."

The funds will cover a number of projects including:

- Recovery costs for the old State Armory,
- Additional repair of sidewalks in the downtown area,
- Completion of the new fire station,
- Completion of the new senior center,
- Completion of the new Barry-Lawrence Library,
- Repair of sewer system, and
- Upkeep of the temporary fire station until a new one is completed.



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ROUNDTABLES

Community Development has begun holding public roundtables throughout the state. These roundtables are designed to introduce members of the community to the Community Development Division staff and programs. The roundtables are designed to:

- Increased education, awareness, and understanding of what the Community Development Division can offer
- Increased successful projects in communities using CD products and services
- Increased contacts and partnerships leading to more specific technical assistance and service to communities and organizations

The first two roundtables were held in Columbia and Hannibal and were extremely successful. The next roundtable is scheduled for October 13th in Chillicothe. Additional roundtables are planned throughout the state and information will be released as soon as it is finalized.

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## CDC GRANTS (cont.)

- Overland - Community Action Agency of St. Louis County received a \$71,000 grant, which will help fund a matched savings program to assist working families save money toward a down payment for a new home. All participants will also be required to receive credit counseling and work on budgeting activities.
- Sikeston - Gloryland Community Development Corporation received a \$74,858 grant, which will be used to provide a job-training program for 150 low-income or unemployed individuals in the Sikeston area, particularly targeting people in the Sunset and Clayton Addition neighborhoods.
- St. Louis - Beyond Housing/Neighborhood Housing received a \$75,000 grant to fund a 10-week employment and training program at its Pagedale Family Support Center. The program includes computer training, job readiness experience, job placement and retention training and related financial assistance for up to 60 participants.
- St. Louis - The Center for Women in Transition received a \$75,000 grant to fund a job training and placement program for women from the St. Louis metropolitan area who have been incarcerated for nonviolent crimes and who live below the poverty level. The program offers one-on-one mentoring to help the prisoners make a successful transition after their release.
- St. Louis - The Justine Petersen Housing & Reinvestment Corporation received a \$75,000 grant to help fund a revolving loan pool for micro enterprises in the St. Louis metropolitan area, targeting minority and women-owned businesses in low-income census tracts.
- St. Louis - Opportunities Industrialization Center of the Midwest received a \$75,000 grant to help fund a four-week job training and placement program at the St. Louis Customer Service Skills Center. The center will help recruit and train low-income and underserved individuals in the St. Louis area for employment in the retail industry.
- Trenton - North Missouri Rural Housing Coalition received a \$59,575 grant to help offset costs to develop commercial space suitable for small business start-ups in downtown Trenton. The spaces under development include the former Historic Plaza theater lobby and the Plaza Hotel Barbershop.

Grant awards were based on the determination of a CDC's ability to demonstrate resourcefulness in their development efforts, such as support from outside sources, and to produce measurable outcomes for their communities and neighborhoods.

The CDC program was established in 1997 and is administered by the Missouri Department of Economic Development. The program provides grants up to \$100,000 to Community Development Corporations that administer innovative and creative programs and services for low-to-moderate income persons.



## STATE TAX CREDITS HELP START TWO NEW MATCHED SAVINGS PROGRAMS

The Missouri Department of Economic Development has awarded nearly \$800,000 in state tax credits to two Missouri not-for-profit organizations through the Family Development Account Program. This program aims to help local low-income families become economically self-sufficient by providing a means to finance home ownership, education and job opportunities or the start up of a new business.

Great Rivers Community Reinvestment, a subsidiary organization of the Justine Petersen Housing and Reinvestment Corporation, was awarded up to \$600,000 in FDA state tax credits. The tax credits are expected to leverage \$1.2 million in contributions that will be used as matching funds for the program participants' savings account deposits.

Great Rivers Community Reinvestment proposes to help hundreds of low-income individuals and families in the St. Louis area to begin saving money toward a home, home repairs, educational advancement or the operation of a small business. The organization will also offer economic education classes to help program participants learn more about homeownership, entrepreneurship and debt reduction.

The DED also awarded \$180,000 in state tax credits to the Van Buren High School Scholarship Foundation. The foundation aims to expand higher education opportunities for local graduates.

The Foundation will use the tax credits to leverage \$360,000 in contributions that will be used as matching funds for the program participants' savings account deposits.

The Van Buren High School Scholarship Foundation proposes to increase the number of Van Buren High School graduates that eventually attend college. This matched savings program will be used to reimburse tuition expenses for students who complete coursework at Three Rivers Community College while still in high school and to pay college expenses after graduation. Students participating in this program will also be required to attend economic literacy workshops.

The Family Development Account is a matched-savings program in which money leveraged by state tax credits is used to complement money saved by an eligible individual; up to a three-to-one match. Such savings accounts can not exceed \$2,000 in a calendar year

## MARQUETTE BUILDING RECEIVES ADDITIONAL STATE AID

Additional state tax credits have been approved that will further facilitate the redevelopment of the Marquette Hotel and another nearby office building into an office and retail complex in Cape Girardeau.

The Missouri Department of Economic Development approved up to \$500,000 in remediation tax credits through the state's Brownfield Redevelopment Program for Marquette Office Building LLC. These tax credits will supplement an award of \$785,000 in remediation tax credits made to the project in 2003.

The former hotel and retail building at 338 Broadway and a former automobile dealership building, which was converted into an office and storage facility in the 1960s across the street at 221 North Fountain Street, will be redeveloped into approximately 66,000 square feet of commercial and office space. The site will also provide at least 145 parking spaces for future tenants, some of whom will be employed by the state of Missouri.

Tax credits issued by the state will provide assistance for the clean up of asbestos and lead paint contamination from the site. The Marquette Hotel building has been vacant since 1971 and the Fountain Street Building is currently underutilized with only a 20 percent occupancy rate. The site has been accepted into the Voluntary Cleanup Program at the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

The most recent tax credit award was made to facilitate work at the Fountain Street Building. No clean-up work has been done there yet.

and no more than \$50,000 total at any time.

The combined savings can be used to help a qualified individual finance the purchase of a primary residence, make major home repairs, pay for education or job training costs, or promote small business development.







## NEW MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TEAM

**Kevin Edwards** joined the Missouri Community Service Commission as the Compliance Officer. He will oversee the AmeriCorps and Promise Fellows programs in the state of Missouri. He has worked previously for the Missouri State Archives, a division of the Secretary of State's office, where he was the program administrator for the Missouri Historical Records Grant Program.

Kevin has a B.A. from Drury University, an M.A. in History from Southwest Missouri State University, and a J.D. from Washington University in St. Louis.



**Nicoll Clarkston** joined the Investment Tax Credit Team as a Community Development Representative. Nicoll will provide technical assistance for participants of the CDC program, review CDC applications, and monitor the progress of the CDC's programs.

Nicoll has a B.S. in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing and Management and an M.B.A. from Columbia College. Nicoll was previously employed at Ikon Office Solutions for the last five years.



**Liz Roberts** joined the Contribution Tax Credit Team as a Community Development Representative. Her main responsibilities will be providing technical assistance and performing site visits for NAP, YOP, and FDA programs. She will also track the progress of projects and assist in the application review process for the Contribution Tax Credit Team. Liz is a graduate of Southwest Missouri State University, where she received a bachelor's degree in Entertainment Management.



**Rachelle Dunlap** has been promoted to the Northeast Field Representative for the Community Development Block Grant Program. Rachelle's compliance area of specialty will be Civil Rights and her grant specialty will be Downtown Revitalization. Rachelle has been the CDBG Office Assistant for the past five months. Prior to that, she has 5 years state government experience having worked for the State Library and the Missouri Gaming Commission.



Rachelle earned a B.A. in Art History from Truman State and an A.S. in Computer Information Systems from Columbia College.

In August, the Missouri Department of Economic Development released more than \$2.4 million in Community Development Block Grant funds to nine Missouri communities for various transportation-related improvement projects.

The bridge, street, and drainage CDBG category consists of an annual competition in which communities seek financial assistance from the state to help fund new construction or the rehabilitation of existing bridges, streets, and drainage systems.

Applicants may include new construction or rehabilitation of existing structures. One, two, or all three activities may be included in one application as long as they are logically and functionally related.

The following communities received FY05 CDBG funding for bridge, street, and drainage projects:

Community	Amount	Purpose
Warren County	\$380,000	Replace deteriorated bridge
Shelby County	\$400,000	Replace deteriorated bridge
Renick	\$305,989	Repair drainage, ditches & streets
Pleasant Valley	\$400,000	Repair drainage system
North Lilbourn	\$177,950	Repair drainage system
Harwood	\$150,000	Repair drainage & streets
Concordia	\$188,670	Repair drainage system
Bevier	\$263,313	Repair drainage & streets
Armstrong	\$169,800	Repair streets & road ditches



## 2005 NPA APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

The 2005 Neighborhood Preservation Act (NPA) tax credit program is now underway. The NPA program authorizes a state tax credit for residential rehabilitation and construction costs for properties located in rebuilding communities (as defined in the Rebuilding Communities Act of 1998) or defined census blocks. Taxpayers who meet certain requirements are eligible for a state tax credit of 15% of the eligible costs for a new residence. Homeowners who perform non-substantial rehabilitation are eligible for a state tax credit of 25% for the rehabilitation costs. Homeowners, in qualifying areas who perform a substantial rehabilitation are eligible for a state credit of 35% for the rehabilitation costs.

You must complete the following steps to verify whether your property is eligible.

1. Go to the following web address: <http://www.ded.mo.gov/communities/communitydevelopment/npa/>.
2. Select "U.S. Census Bureau" from the Links section of the web page.
3. Go to "Search" on the lower left-hand side of the page and click on "street address."
4. Enter your street address, city, state, and zip code and click "GO."
5. Find your Census Tract number and Block Group number.
6. Select the Senate Bill 20 Qualifying Areas by County link back at the DED Neighborhood Preservation Web site page.
7. Compare your census tract and block numbers with the "Senate Bill 20 Qualifying Areas by County" to determine if your property is eligible to participate in the program.

Applications are available by request and can be found at the following web address: <http://www.ded.mo.gov/communities/communitydevelopment/npa/application.shtml>. All applications must be postmarked no later than

**November 15, 2004** in order to be eligible for the lottery. The NPA tax credit program has limited funding and each year DED receives more applications than can be funded. Therefore, the NPA tax credit program is a lottery process. The lottery draw for 2005 tax credits should take place by the end of December. Recipients will be notified in January 2005.

Several changes have been made to this year's application. It is important that customers are aware of these significant changes to the NPA tax credit program:

- Effective January 2005, credits can no longer be transferred from one property address to another.
- The qualifying areas of the Neighborhood Preservation program have been expanded to include metropolitan statistical areas that were designated as either a federal empowerment zone, federal enhanced enterprise community, or a state enterprise zone designated under certain qualifying dates.
- To receive credits, invoices and proof of payment of those invoices will be required as expense back up documentation as part of the final paperwork.
- SB 1099 Tax Credit Accountability Act was passed and is effective on January 1, 2005. This means that the tax credit recipient will be required to report annually for 3 years after the date of issuance information pertaining to the project that received tax credits.

If you have questions regarding the NPA program please feel free to contact us.

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essential and considered to be a long-standing benefit by those communities that have participated in MoCAPP the past.

Through MoCAPP the Department of Economic Development offers three levels of certification based upon the degree of completion of the guidebook. Those levels include the All Missouri Certified City, Five Star City, and Star City. Depending upon the level of certification selected, communities will receive recognition, based upon the successful completion of the application, at the annual Governor's Economic Development and Trade Conference in the spring of each year. For more information call (573)522-4173.



# STATE FUNDS ISSUED FOR WATER/WASTEWATER PROJECTS

The Missouri Department of Economic Development awarded \$2.1 million in Community Development Block Grant funds to seven Missouri communities for water and wastewater improvements and construction.

CDBG offers grants to Missouri communities to improve local facilities, address health and safety concerns, and develop a greater capacity for growth. This category provides assistance to communities to establish or improve local water or sewer facilities.

Applications are open cycle (year-round), but require an invitation after completing the Missouri Water and Wastewater Review Committee (MWWRRC) process.

New water or sewer systems or expansion/upgrades of existing systems that have substantiated health concerns are prioritized. Successful applicants must demonstrate that rates will adequately cover operation, maintenance, reserves, emergencies, employee overhead, etc; or, the community must have initiated a graduated rate increase that will provide adequate operating costs over a period of years. Communities applying a regional approach to problem solving will receive priority consideration as well.

Missouri communities receiving funding are:

COMMUNITY	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
Dudley	\$139,400	water
Jerico Springs	\$500,000	water
La Plata	\$462,281	water
Pendleton	\$125,000	water
Pendleton	\$138,800	wastewater
Pocahontas	\$250,000	wastewater
Sparta	\$500,000	wastewater

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## CDBG MIDWEST STATES CONFERENCE

Members of Missouri's CDBG staff traveled to Nebraska City on August 17-19 for the CDBG Midwest States Conference. Midwest states include Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. Each year, one member of the Midwest consortium hosts the conference in their state to promote information sharing and networking within the region's state CDBG programs.

This year's discussions centered around local grantee and HUD compliance monitoring issues, income survey methods, service area determinations, national objective compliance, and beneficiaries. In addition, sessions were held as a form of "best practices" in areas of Downtown Revitalization, water/wastewater projects, capital improvement planning and beneficiary data, performance reporting, state historic preservation processes, and labor standards.

The conference gives CDBG staff an opportunity to learn more about how other state programs within the same region are structured and provides some practical application for how to improve various program areas in their own state. It provides a network of resources for problem-solving and decision-making in the various components of the CDBG program.

Next year's conference will be hosted by the Iowa CDBG program in Pella, IA on August 2-4, 2005.

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## CDBG PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### **Expansion of Two Businesses, New Jobs in Monroe City**

Two businesses that will be located next to each other in Monroe City will be able to expand, thanks to infrastructure improvements made possible by a state grant.

The Missouri Department of Economic Development has awarded a \$240,000 Industrial Infrastructure Grant through the Community Development Block Grant program to Monroe City, to be used for public infrastructure improvements needed for the expansions of Arrow Tool & Die and Lakeside Casting.

Lakeside Casting is one of Arrow Tool's largest customers. Because of increased product demand, both companies need to expand to accommodate growth. The companies have decided to locate new facilities on a five-acre site, adjacent to each other. This will reduce transportation costs for both companies and allow them to improve efficiency.

Arrow Tool will create about \$128,000 in private investment and three new jobs. Lakeside will create \$762,500 in investment and 21 new jobs.

The proposed site of the two companies is now only green space. Water lines, sewer lines, electrical equipment, and street improvements are required for the development. CDBG funding will be used to pay for most of these needs. Monroe City and in-kind funds will pay for a portion of the project as well.

### **Hallsville Infrastructure Upgrades to Support Local Business Expansion**

A state grant will help fund infrastructure improvements in Hallsville, facilitating the expansion of a custom wood product manufacturer there. The company will invest \$540,000, retain eight employees,

and create another six new jobs as it doubles the size of its facility to meet increased sales volume.

The Missouri Department of Economic Development approved a \$133,954 industrial infrastructure grant through the Community Development Block Grant program. The funds will be used to make sewer and street improvements that will facilitate the expansion of Mulnix Industries Inc.

Mulnix manufactures custom wood products for the audiovisual industry, as well as other customized products upon request.

The city proposes to make street improvements to the intersection used by trucks and other vehicles entering the industrial park; thereby improving traffic safety. Sewer lines now serving the industrial park will also be upgraded and more manholes will be added for access to the larger Mulnix Industries facility and other potential future industrial expansions.

In addition to the state grant, the city of Hallsville is also providing in-kind services to fund the infrastructure improvements.

### **City of Kennett Demolition Assistance**

A state grant will assist the city of Kennett to demolish two blighted and dangerous structures.

The Missouri Department of Economic Development has approved a \$250,000 Innovative Grant through the Community Development Block Grant program for the city of Kennett, on behalf of the Kennett Community Development Corporation.

Funds will be used to aid in the demolition

of two abandoned, hazardous properties located within the city limits of Kennett, which are within the immediate area of residential homes and a large population of children.

The Jones Park swimming pool and old lumberyard storage and service buildings will be removed. Currently, the poor structural condition of the properties pose a threat to the safety, health, and well being of the general public, park patrons, and residents. The removal of these buildings will increase the amount of space available for community and recreational activities.

Besides state CDBG funding, the project is also supported by the Kennett Community Development Corporation.

### **Sikeston Housing Development Assistance**

A state grant will help the city of Sikeston and the Sikeston Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority offer affordable housing to low-income families in Sikeston.

The Missouri Department of Economic Development has approved a \$155,000 Housing Grant through the Community Development Block Grant program for Sikeston and the redevelopment authority. The funds will be used to demolish four unsafe, vacant structures located in the west-central and downtown portions of Sikeston.

Officials hope that the demolition of the four buildings will allow for future development on those four sites and encourage other reinvestment in the areas.

In addition to the CDBG funds, local, private, and in-kind sources will supplement the project.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT** funds are provided through federal sources and administered by the State of Missouri. Funds will be released to grantees as certain requirements set forth by the CDBG program are met. The program provides economic development grants and loan funds to cities with a population under 50,000 and counties under 200,000.





# YOP PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## Marygrove Services Youth Counseling Program

The Missouri Department of Economic Development has approved up to \$250,000 in Youth Opportunity Program tax credits, which will be used to raise funds to develop a male adolescent psychiatric group home on Marygrove Services campus in Florissant.

The facility, Boys Sequoia House, will serve young males primarily from St. Louis and St. Charles Counties between the ages of 15 and 21, who have been abused or neglected, have psychiatric disturbances requiring specialized therapeutic services, and have been assigned to the Missouri Division of Family Services for placement.

Approximately 12 young men will be housed at the facility. Through the counseling program, Marygrove proposes to help its residents receive a high school diploma, complete life skills training and an employment skills education and development program, and avoid becoming involved in criminal activities or exhibiting violent behavior.

## The Hope Center Renovations

The Missouri Department of Economic Development has approved up to \$250,000 in Youth Opportunity Program tax credits, which will be used to raise funds for the renovation of The Hope Center in Kansas City.

The Hope Center recently purchased a house at 2800 Linwood Blvd. and will use contributions raised through the YOP program to help renovate the facility. As a result, the facility will be able to accommodate an additional 150 youth. The center provides mentoring services for youth ages 8 to 18 that focus on spiritual, educational, leadership, interpersonal, life, and character skill development.

## Hannibal YMCA New Teen Center

Through this program, The Hope Center staff expects to increase the number of at-risk youth who remain in school, while reducing the number of young adults who commit crimes or violent acts, significantly reduce the number of children who are abused again or have acts, engage in sexual behavior or use alcohol or illegal drugs.

The Missouri Department of Economic Development has approved up to \$247,626 in Youth Opportunity Program tax credits for the YMCA in Hannibal. The tax credits will help the not-for-profit association leverage at least \$495,252 in donations, which will be used to construct a new 4,000 square-foot teen center.

The proposed teen center will offer recreational activities and character development programming to junior and senior high students in the afternoon and evenings. The project proposes to help reduce the number of at-risk youth from becoming pregnant or involved in criminal or violent behavior and alcohol or substance abuse.

## Jackson County CASA Project

An advocate for abused and neglected children in the Jackson County area has received approval for state tax credits, which will be used to raise funds for its guardian ad litem services.

The Missouri Department of Economic Development has approved up to \$75,000 in Youth Opportunity Program tax credits for Jackson County CASA. The not-for-profit organization is assigned to cases of children from newborn to 18 years of age who have been victims of child abuse or neglect. CASA volunteers help place hundreds of children in a safe environment and ensure they receive the appropriate services. They also help abusive parents gain access to various services, such as parenting classes, substance abuse

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at-risk youth who remain in school, while reducing the number of young adults who commit crimes or violent acts, significantly reduce the number of children who are abused again or have acts, engage in sexual behavior or use alcohol or illegal drugs.

## Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri

The Missouri Department of Economic Development has approved \$210,269 in tax credits through the Youth Opportunities Program for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri in St. Louis. The tax credits are expected to leverage about \$420,538 in contributions to fund the organization's youth mentoring programs.

Specifically, the funds will be used to expand the program in the organization's central region, St. Louis city and county.

The youth who will be served by Big Brothers Big Sisters are struggling both academically and socially, and are without a positive support system. The YOP funds will be used to serve about 340 youth and their mentors.

Big Brothers Big Sisters plans to partner with the St. Louis Public Schools to identify the youth who are most in need of mentoring, as well as to develop a centralized volunteer processing center. Big Brothers Big Sisters plans to place about 1,000 volunteer through this system.

## Boys & Girls Club of Poplar Bluff After School Program

The state will issue tax credits through the Youth Opportunities Program to help raise funds for a youth activity center in



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### Poplar Bluff.

The Missouri Department of Economic Development has approved up to \$18,500 in Youth Opportunity Program tax credits for the Boys & Girls Club of Poplar Bluff. The money raised in return for these tax credits will help fund the Club's after school program for children and youth between the ages of six and 18.

The Boys & Girls Club operates a facility for elementary programs, as well as a teen center for 7th through 12th grade students. Participants receive tutoring and help with homework followed by a wide variety of enrichment activities and programs, including art, music, drama, sports and recreation and other life skills programs. The after school program activities are offered during non-school hours, vacation periods that occur during the school year and in the summer.

### Boys and Girls Clubs of Kansas City

The Missouri Department of Economic Development has approved \$158,477 in tax credits through the Youth Opportunities Program for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City. The tax credits are expected to leverage more than \$316,953 in contributions to fund the organization's Project Learn and SMART Moves programs.

Project Learn offers before and after-school activities and full-day summer programs for at-risk youth. SMART Moves focuses on preventing negative behaviors, such as alcohol and drug abuse. Funds raised through the tax credits will be used to fund both these programs at the Thornberry and Troost-Midtown locations. The programs may serve an estimated 760 youth.

Project Learn contains components such as "Power Hour," which offers tutoring

and homework assistance. Learning activities are part of Project Learn, such as reading, writing, computer usage, service learning, life skills, cultural arts, leadership clubs, and games. The program also provides parental workshops, parent-child activities, and recruits parents to serve as tutors, liaisons, chaperones, and reading partners.

SMART Moves focuses on building self-esteem and positive social skills to keep youth away from substance abuse.

### Family Support Network

State tax credits will help support counseling and intervention programs provided for children and their families by Family Support Network in St. Louis.

The Missouri Department of Economic Development has approved \$141,132 in tax credits through the Youth Opportunities Program for the organization. The tax credits will leverage at least \$282,264 that will be used for the School Links Program, an in-home and school-based prevention program.

The School Links program provides weekly family and individual counseling, crisis intervention counseling, parent education, resource acquisition, and follow-up services. The goal of the program is to help families resolve problems that are caused by family violence and/or mental health problems. Children learn to reduce disruptive behavior that affects school work, and parents learn to reduce stress and risks for child abuse and neglect.

### Family Support Services

State tax credits will help support programs provided for teens with developmental disabilities by Family Support Services in St. Charles.

The Missouri Department of Economic Development has approved \$26,183 in tax credits through the Youth Opportunities Program for the organization. The tax credits will leverage at least \$52,366 that will be used for the Socialization Opportunities and Respite (SOAR) programs for youth between 12 and 21.

The programs assist teens with developmental disabilities who require care when school is not in session. The teens who are served generally require individual care.

Some of the SOAR programs include a teen club, school break programs, and half-day programs. The teen club is offered in 10 area schools. The school breaks and half-day programs are set at convenient community sites and include recreational opportunities, arts and crafts, socialization, academic support, and field trips.

### Support a Child International Inc.

State tax credits will help fund a youth development program provided by Support a Child International Inc., which is based in St. Louis.

The Missouri Department of Economic Development has approved \$109,711 in tax credits through the Youth Opportunities Program for the organization. The tax credits will leverage at least \$219,421 in contributions for Project C.H.A.N.G.E., which teaches life skills and responsibility to youth ages 13 to 17 who live in St. Louis' public housing communities.

Project C.H.A.N.G.E. is offered twice weekly at four community centers located within St. Louis Public Housing Authority developments. Classes include character education, entrepreneurship training, mentoring, service learning opportunities, and field



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trips. The program will serve about 300 youths.

### Whole Kids Outreach

State tax credits will support youth character development programs provided by the Whole Kids Outreach organization in Ellington, located in Reynolds County.

The Missouri Department of Economic Development has approved \$227,630 in tax credits through the Youth Opportunities Program for the organization. The tax credits will leverage at least \$455,260 in contributions for a program designed to prevent violence.

A core activity that will be funded through the violence prevention programs is a five-week wellness-oriented day camp for area children ages 5 to 12. The camp offers social activities such as horseback riding and swimming lessons, as well as providing employment opportunities for young adults who are hired as counselors.

Activities will focus on mentoring and positive behavior management. Some will include parents of the youth to encourage family development.

### Wyman Center

State tax credits will help fund youth leadership programs provided to at-risk teens at the Wyman Center in Eureka.

The Missouri Department of Economic Development has approved \$250,000 in tax credits through the Youth

Opportunities Program for Wyman Center. The tax credits will leverage at least \$500,000 in contributions for Wyman's "Model for Youth Development," which is geared toward helping youth living in poverty or at risk for negative behavior.

Wyman's program is piloted through Camp Coca-Cola St. Louis and includes a year-round commitment to helping youth over a five-year span. The main component of the program is a yearly residential camp. Youth also participate in educational and community service projects through school partnerships.

Funding created by the tax credits would enable the program to serve an increased number of youth, strengthen family connections in the program and provide a teen outreach program to youth during the non-summer months.

### American Red Cross YouthCorps Project

The Missouri Department of Economic Development has approved up to \$52,059 in Youth Opportunity Program tax credits for the American Red Cross St. Louis Area Chapter's YouthCorps project, which helps local at-risk youth develop leadership skills and an ethic of community service.

Through the YouthCorps project as many as 60 St. Louis metro area teenagers will have an opportunity to learn about emergency preparedness by assembling emergency backpacks for their schools. Participants will also enhance their leadership and communications skills

as they are trained as peer educators and they will develop a commitment to volunteerism and community service through opportunities to develop and execute various community service projects.

Private sector donors will receive a tax credit up to 50 percent of their donation for their contribution to an approved project. The credits can then be applied directly to the donor's Missouri tax bill. The state tax credits are expected to leverage at least \$104,117 in donations.

### Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center Project

The Missouri Department of Economic Development has approved up to \$204,767 in Youth Opportunity Program tax credits, which will be used to raise funds for the Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center's Career Odyssey program in East Prairie.

The program will provide age-appropriate activities and positive skill building and work activities that will reduce violent behavior and help at-risk youth between the ages of 14 and 21 in Mississippi County become productive and successful adults.

Through this program, the Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center staff expects to increase the number of at-risk youth who remain in school and complete an employment skills education and development program, while reducing the number of young adults who commit crimes or violent acts.



The **YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM** is part of the Department of Economic Development's Community Development Division. The program is designed to broaden and strengthen opportunities for positive development in community life for youth, and to discourage such persons from engaging in criminal and violent behavior.

Through YOP, contributors to approved projects can receive up to a 50 percent partial state tax credit for their donation, in essence allowing donors to redirect their tax dollars to support local efforts. Approval of these tax credits is contingent upon completion of contracts set forth by the program.



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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### October

- 4-6 MEDC Conference, Lake of the Ozarks
- 5 CDBG Neighborhood Development Administration Training, Jefferson City
- 7-8 Show Me Service Conference, Columbia
- 11 Columbus Day - State Offices Closed**
- 13 Community Development Roundtable, Chillicothe
- 23 Make A Difference Day
- 24-25 Missouri Community Betterment Conference, Columbia

### November

- 1 YOP Applications will be available
- 11 Veteran's Day - State Offices Closed**
- 15 NPA Application Deadline
- 19 MCSC Application Workshop, Jefferson City
- 25 Thanksgiving - State Offices Closed**
- 30 MCSC Application Workshop, St. Louis

### December

- 1 NAP Applications will be available
- 7 MCSC Application Workshop, Kansas City
- 24 Christmas Day Observed - State Offices Closed**
- 31 New Year's Day Observed - State Offices Closed**

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